



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 604

Hearing Date: 2/14/2001
Committee On: Judiciary

Introducers: (Legislative Program Evaluation Committee)
Title: Change the authority of the Dept. of Correctional Services to invest inmate funds

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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| 5 | Yes | Senators Baker, Bourne, Brashear, Connealy, Tyson |
| | No | |
| | Present, not voting | |
| 3 | Absent | Senators Chambers, Pedersen, Robak |
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Proponents:

Senator Pat Engel
Martha Carter
Inga Hookstra

Representing:

Introducer
Legislative Research
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 604 would amend the authority of the Department of Corrections to invest inmate funds.

LB 604 would require that the State investment officer invest any surplus inmates' trust funds. The Department of Corrections shall provide inmates with the option of having an interest-earning savings account and shall notify the inmates of such option.

LB 604 would create the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund (Fund). The Fund shall consist of:

- revenue from soft drinks sold to inmates
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- profit from Department canteens
- interest earned from the Fund
- interest accruing from inmate funds' investments
- or other revenue at the Department's discretion.

The Fund shall be used to provide recreational activities or equipment at all of the Department's facilities. The Department shall administer the Fund. The State investment officer shall invest any money in the Fund.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chairperson